## **HEALTHY BUILDINGS • HEALTHY FAMILIES**

## **SPIDERS**



Most spiders you see in your home are not dangerous and don't bite. Spiders don't spread germs and because they eat bugs, they can be good to have around.

If you see a spider, do not use pesticides. Tell your building manager about any cracks or holes spiders may use to come into your home. Ask that they trim bushes and trees that are touching the walls around your home.

## Getting rid of spiders

- The easiest way to get rid of spiders and their webs is to **vacuum them up**.
- Catch spiders in a container, cover the container with a piece of paper, and let them go outside.
- Get rid of the bugs they're eating. If fruit flies are
  a problem, keep fruit in the fridge or in closed paper
  bags. Let your building manager know if there are
  holes in screens or other places bugs could be
  using to get in your home.

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